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(U) As requested, Post conveyed ref A message from Secretary Rice to Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation

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van Ardenne. Post also followed up with officials from the Dutch ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs to emphasize the importance of the February 13-14 Liberia Partners Forum and to urge high-level Dutch representation at this meeting, as requested ref B. As of February 7, Post understood the GONL still intended to send a representative from their Embassy in Washington to attend $\bar{t}he$ Forum (also reported ref C).

 $\underline{\P}2$. (SBU) In 2006, the Netherlands provided Liberia with approximately 2 million euros for police uniforms and equipment. However, the Netherlands has limited bilateral interests in Liberia and the country is not on the GONL's official list of 36 development assistance partner countries. Foreign Affairs Ministry officials had earlier indicated that the GONL was phasing out its humanitarian aid programs in Liberia, as the situation there requires more resources than the Dutch have available given ongoing commitments in Sudan and the Great Lakes region. See ref C and D for earlier reporting.